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VIA UPS NEXT DAY AIR

Vernon A. Williams
Surface Transportation Board
1925 "K" Street, N.W., Room 504
Washington, DC 20423-0001



RE: Proposed Abandonment of an Eastern Portion of the Bristow Subdivision from M.P. 318.36 near Hampton to the end of the Line at M.P. 294.75 at Allison, a distance of 23.61 miles in Franklin and Butler Counties, Iowa; STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 200X)

Dear Mr. Williams:

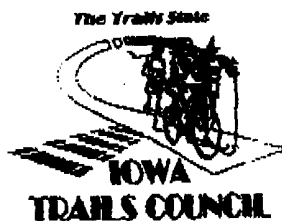
Union Pacific Railroad Company ("Union Pacific") has received a request from the Iowa Trails Council dated April 3, 2006 for an additional 180-day extension in which to complete negotiations for the acquisition under the provisions 16 U.S.C. §1247(d) and 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29 regarding that portion of the Union Pacific's right-of-way known as the Eastern Portion of the Bristow Subdivision from Milepost 318.36 near Hampton, Iowa to the end of the Line at Milepost 294.75 at Allison, Iowa, a distance of 23.61 miles in Franklin and Butler Counties, Iowa. The Union Pacific is willing to continue negotiating with the Iowa Trails Council concerning the acquisition of the subject property for trail use and supports the Council's request for an additional 180-day extension in which to negotiate. A copy of the Iowa Trails Council's request is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and hereby made a part hereof.

Ten (10) additional copies of this letter with exhibits are enclosed for the Board's use and distribution.

Sincerely yours,

Enclosures

cc: Iowa Trails Council



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April 3, 2006

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Ref. AB 33 (Sub No. 200X)

Dear Mr. Williams

With regard to the above STB Docket number we wish to request an extension of time in which to continue negotiations to acquire the railroad right-of-way between milepost 318.36 near Hampton and milepost 294.75 near Allison in Iowa's Franklin and Butler counties.

The Union Pacific Railroad has not abandoned this right-of-way and has been negotiating sale to us for the purpose of establishing a trail within the corridor, known as the eastern portion of the Bristow Subdivision.

We are requesting the assignment of another 180 days in which to hopefully conclude these negotiations, beyond the expiration time of March 15 of this year.

We are sending a copy of this request to the Union Pacific offices in Omaha and Chicago, asking for a confirmation of their willingness to continue these negotiations and are supplying ten copies of this letter to your office.

We thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Tom F. Neenan

